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Re:	Application of:	Jean-Paul MARDON et al.
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	Examiner:	John P. Sheehan
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	Title:	**ALLOY AND TUBE FOR NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**

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APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. §41.41

Sir:

Appellants submit this Reply Brief for consideration of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (the "Board") in response to the Examiner's Answer dated February 24, 2010 and in support of their appeal of the Final Rejection dated May 18, 2009. Appellants respectfully reassert each of the arguments asserted in Appellants' Brief dated November 10, 2009, and provide herein only a rebuttal of arguments raised in the Examiner's Answer.

No fee is believed required. If any fee is required at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.